

Security Message for U.S. Citizens – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador

Protest Advisory

October 09, 2014

The U.S. Embassy informs U.S. citizens that demonstrations are likely to take place in Quito on Monday, October 13, 2014.

Protestors may demonstrate against the arrests of students during a previous demonstration on September 17, 2014. Demonstrators plan to gather at 10:00 a.m. near the Ministry of Education (west of Parque La Carolina) and proceed along Avenida Rio Amazonas to the Presidential Palace in downtown Quito. The embassy cautions U.S. citizens to avoid this area between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security and follow instructions of local authorities.

U.S. citizens living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to enroll through the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at step.state.gov](#) in order to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador.

U.S. citizens should consult the [Country Specific Information](#) for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution on the [State Department's website travel.state.gov](#). Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

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- Within the same city and from a land line use the last seven digits.
- For calls from a mobile phone and for intercity telephone calls add the city code preceded by a 0.

Dialing instructions from the United States:

- Add the 011 prefix for an international long distance line.

For after-hours emergencies, call the phone numbers listed above for assistance.

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